

FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS

Grant Grove Area

GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here are both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s.

INFORMATION

- **Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-5pm through 10/24, then 9am-4:30pm. Exhibits & movie in English & Spanish. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. Local wilderness permits issued up to ½- hour before closing. 1-559-565-4307.

FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Daily 9am-2pm & 5-7pm (8pm on Friday-Saturday).
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Daily 9am-6pm (7pm on Friday-Saturday). Souvenirs, film, clothing, ATM. Market sells food & other supplies, sandwiches, bear canisters, & cans of emergency gasoline.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11. Lodge front desk 7am-10pm.
- **Showers:** Bath house in Meadow Camp Cabin area 11am-4pm. Pay with quarters.
- **Post Office:** Hours may vary. Monday-Friday 9am-3:30 pm; Saturday 10-noon. Lobby open 24 hours. Send mail for visitors c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.
- **Stables - Horseback Riding:** Details on page 3. Closed for winter.
- **Pay Telephones:** Available 24 hours at Kings Canyon Visitor Center (booth by front door); & outside gift shop, market, & post office. They use calling cards only.

In the Kings Canyon

Highway 180 from Kings Canyon Lodge into the canyon closes on Thursday, November 12 at noon, due to regular, heavy rockfall that occurs once it starts to get cold.

CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River.

INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Friday-Sunday 9am-5pm through 9/27 then closed for the season. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. 1-559-565-3793. Closes late September. Pay telephone.
- **Wilderness Permits (NPS):** At Road's End, 6 miles (9.6km) east of the village. Daily 7am-3pm daily through 9/26. No permits issued after 2:45pm. Maps, bear canisters. Self-registration starting 9/27.

FOOD, LODGING & SHOPS (KCPS) - Open through 10/17

- **Restaurant:** Counter-service meals & snack bar; not a full-service restaurant. Weekdays 8-10:30am & 5-7pm; weekends 8am-2pm & 5-7pm. Pay telephone.
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Salads, sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, souvenirs. Daily 8am-7pm through 10/17. Pay telephone.

OTHER SERVICES - Showers and lodging close 10/18.

- **Camping & Lodging:** See pages 10-11.
- **Showers:** Daily 8am-1pm & 3-6pm.
- **Horseback Riding:** Details on page 3. Closes in fall.

Paying Your Entrance Fee at Kings Canyon in Grant Grove

Through mid-October, pay the required park and forest entrance fee at the Big Stump Entrance Station, located just off Hwy 180 inside the park boundary. Then the kiosk will move to the front of the visitor center in Grant Grove Village. Please stop to purchase or show your pass. One fee is good for visiting *both* parks *and* the forest!

USFS: National Forest & Monument HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive between park areas Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2, Parks and Forests). Sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935, it is an excellent place to see sequoias recovering from intensive logging in the late 1800s.

PAY TELEPHONES

Cell-phone signals are usually poor. Calling cards may be required.

- **Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove:** Summer only at Stony Creek Resort & Big Meadows trailhead.
- **Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove:** Hume Lake (year round; see *Hume Lake* below); Kings Canyon Lodge (summer only).

INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 E. Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon park entrance at Big Stump. Open 8am-4:30pm weekdays. Maps & books sold. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia.

LODGING & OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Montecito Lake Resort (FS permittee):** Open all year. A resort on public land. On Generals Highway 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 7:30-9am, lunch 12-1:30pm, dinner 5:30-7pm. Cabins, hotel, activities. 1-800-227-9900 or 1-559-565-3388.
- **Hume Lake:** Year-round private facilities open to public: 24-hour **laundry** (coin operated) & **gas station** (with credit card). **Market & snack shop.** North of Grant Grove 8 miles (13km) on Hwy 180, then right on Hume Lake Road 3 miles (5km). 1-559-335-2000.
- **Boyden Cavern:** On Highway 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Daily tours on the hour 11am-4pm; closes Gift shop. Ages 14 & up \$13; 3-13 \$6.50; under 3 free. AAA 10% discount. *Senior and Access Interagency Pass discounts do not apply.* Schools & other group reservations: 1-559-338-0959.
- **Stony Creek Village (FS):** On Generals Highway south of Grant Grove. Last night 10/11; last day of business 10/12. Daily: Market 8am-7pm. Pizza restaurant 2:30-7pm. Showers/laundry. Gasoline 24 hours with credit card. 1-866-KCANYON; 1-559-565-3909.

GASOLINE SALES on FOREST LANDS

- At Hume Lake year-round; Stony Creek and Kings Canyon Lodge late spring through early fall. See page 3 for details.

FREE NATURE PROGRAMS Reduced programming in fall. See bulletin boards for details of those being offered. Non-campers welcome!

IN GRANT GROVE:

- **Grant Tree Walks:** 2pm daily through 9/26. Meet at the Grant Tree Trail. Other programs may be offered on October-November weekends & holidays.
- **Evening programs:** Friday-Saturday through 9/26. Join us in the Sunset Campground Amphitheater. Time & topics vary; check locally.
- **Snowshoe walks** begin 12/26, conditions permitting.



IN CEDAR GROVE:

- **Zumwalt Meadow Walk:** Friday-Saturday 2-3:30pm through 9/26. Meet at Zumwalt Meadow parking area for this meander.
- **Evening programs:** Friday-Saturday 7:30pm through 9/26 at the amphitheater near the visitor center. Time & topics vary; check locally.